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## India

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### **Government Extends Ban on Imports of Livestock Products due to AI**

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**Report Highlights:**

On July 19, 2011, the Government of India (GOI) extended the import prohibition on specified live animals and livestock products from countries reporting outbreaks of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) and Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza (LPAI), for an unspecified period. Despite the exemptions listed in the notifications for unprocessed poultry meat and meat products, live pigs and birds, unprocessed semen of domestic and wild birds including poultry, the imports of these products remain restricted from entry due to other import regulations.

## **General Information:**

### **Introduction:**

The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying, and Fisheries (DADF), issued a Gazette notification on July 19, 2011, extending its ongoing prohibition on imports of specified live animals and livestock products from all countries reporting Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) and Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza (LPAI), for an unspecified period. This extension is effective with an immediate effect from the date of publication of this notification (July 19, 2011). Despite the exemptions listed in the notifications for unprocessed poultry meat and meat products, live pigs and birds, unprocessed semen of domestic and wild birds including poultry, the imports of these products remain restricted from entry due to other import regulations.

### **Type of Regulation: Final**

#### **Details on the final Gazette notification No. S.O. 1663(E), dated July 19, 2011:**

- Publication Date: July 19, 2011
- Date of Implementation: July 19, 2011
- WTO Notification Date: Not notified (as of July 28, 2011)
- Products Affected: See notification text
- Agency in Charge: Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (DADF), Ministry of Agriculture (MOA), Government of India (GOI).

**Proposed Changes:** See notification text given below.

**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE****(Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries)****NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, the 19th July, 2011

**S.O. 1663(E).**—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 3 and Section 3A of the Livestock Importation Act, 1898 (9 of 1898), and in supersession of the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Agriculture (Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries) published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii), *vide* number S.O. 2976 (E), dated the 16th December, 2010, except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the Central Government hereby prohibits, with effect from the date of publication of this notification, in the Official Gazette, namely :—

- (1) (i) the import into India from all countries, in view of Notifiable Avian Influenza (both Highly Pathogenic Notifiable Avian Influenza and Low Pathogenic Notifiable Avian Influenza), of wild birds except those reared and bred in captivity;
- (ii) the import into India from the countries reporting Notifiable Avian Influenza (both Highly Pathogenic Notifiable Avian Influenza and Low Pathogenic Notifiable Avian Influenza), the following livestock and livestock products, namely :—
- (a) domestic and wild birds (including poultry and captive birds);

- (b) day-old chicks, ducks, turkeys and other newly hatched Avian species;
- (c) un-processed meat and meat products from Avian species, including domesticated, wild birds and poultry;
- (d) hatching eggs;
- (e) eggs and egg products (except Specific Pathogen Free eggs);
- (f) un-processed feathers;
- (g) live pigs;
- (h) pathological material and biological products from birds;
- (i) products of animal origin (from birds) intended for use in animal feeding or for agricultural or industrial use;
- (j) semen of domestic and wild birds including poultry :

Provided that the Central Government may allow the import of processed poultry meat after satisfactory conformity assessment of the exporting country.

(2) The prohibition specified in paragraph (1) shall not be applicable to the import of—

- (i) processed pet food containing ingredients of meat and meat products from birds intended for use in animal feeding.
- (ii) the import of pathological materials and biological products for use in research purposes exclusively used by the National Referral Laboratories.

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